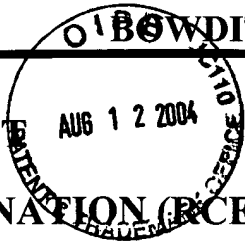


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

 i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [].

 ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on [].

 iii. ☐ Other – [].

b. ☐ Enclosed

 i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

 iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

 iv. ☒ Other – Petition for 2-month Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(1) required)

b. ☐ Other – [].

Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.14 when the RCE is filed. A copy is enclosed for accounting purposes

a. ☒ A check is enclosed for the following fees in the amount of \$595.00

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b. i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 08/13/2004 DENMANU1-00000035-10072267

 ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01-FC-2801 ~~385.00-0P~~

 iii. ☐ Amendment Fee

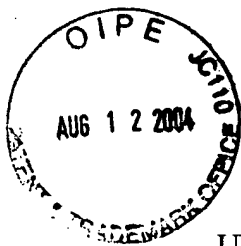
 iv. ☐ Other – [].

c. ☒ Authorization is hereby granted to charge any insufficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1935

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action ("the Office Action") mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 2, 2004 in the above-identified application and is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and the required fees under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) and 37 CFR § 1.14. In lieu of filing a Notice of Appeal in reply to the Office Action, Applicant's Attorney is filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of time to respond to the Office Action and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment and Response. Authorization is given to charge any additional fees due for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-1935.

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